

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A topsheet made of a nonwoven fabric for a disposable wearing article having upper and lower surfaces and formed with a plurality of openings extending through said upper and lower surfaces, said topsheet includes:

said nonwoven fabric having a substantially uniform thickness and each of said openings having an area of about 0.16 - 5 mm² wherein only a part of the periphery of said opening is increased in thickness compared to said uniform thickness so as to make said openings protuberated upward from said upper surface.

2. The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein said nonwoven fabric has a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction both orthogonal to a thickness direction of said nonwoven fabric and said part of the periphery of said opening protuberating upward is formed aside in one of said two directions.

3. The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein part pf the periphery of said opening is increased in thickness upward from said upper surface by about 0.1 - 2 mm

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compared to said uniform thickness of said nonwoven fabric.

4. The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein said part
of the periphery of said opening protuberating upward has
5 an apparent density higher than that of said nonwoven
fabric extending around said part of the periphery.

10 5. The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein a total
area of said openings occupies 2 - 60 % of a surface area
of said nonwoven fabric.

6. The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein said
nonwoven fabric is made of thermoplastic synthetic fiber.

15 7. The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein said upper
surface of said nonwoven fabric is covered with a plurality
of ribbon-like thermoplastic synthetic resin film strips
spaced in parallel to one another and extending in one of
said longitudinal direction and said transverse direction.